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I was the program administrator for the Healthy Child Care America grant in Minnesota and am active in the Minnesota Early Childhood Comprehensive grant initiative.

I work primarily with health and safety in child care, working to expand the services of trained child care health consultants. Our division has funded the development of health and safety pages on the Minnesota Child Care Resource and Referral Network website making a variety of health and safety items available to child care providers and parents. We have published a booklet, "Keeping Kids Safe: Your Home Child Care Emergency Plan". It is available in English at <http://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfsrserver/Legacy/DHS-5299-ENG>. The booklet is also available in Spanish, Hmong, Arabic and Somali on the DHS website. The division has also published a brochure "Caring for Children" with helpful information on child care, school readiness, health care care and other resources for refugees and immigrants new to the U.S. It is available in English, Somali, Hmong, Spanish, Arabic, Russian, Serbo-Croatian, Oromo, Vietnamese, Khmer and Lao. The English version can be found at <http://edocs.state.mn.us/lfsrserver/Legacy/DHS-4723-ENG>.